

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)

1 A molded plastic container or container preform having a wall with at least
2 one matrix resin layer and at least one intermediate resin layer,
3 said intermediate resin being blended with an additive,
4 said wall having at least one localized portion of predetermined logo
5 geometry that is thicker than surrounding portions of said wall, within which said
6 intermediate resin layer is thicker than in surrounding portions of said wall and within which
7 said additive is discernable.

2. (Original)

1 The container or preform set forth in claim 1 wherein said additive is selected
2 from the group consisting of dyes, UV fluorescing agents and reflective metallic or mineral
3 flakes.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original)

1 The container or preform set forth in claim 1 wherein said container or
2 preform includes a sidewall and said at least one localized portion is formed in said
3 sidewall.

5. (Currently Amended)

1 A method of making an identifiable container or preform, which includes:
2 providing a molded plastic container or container preform that includes a wall
3 having at least one matrix resin layer and at least one intermediate layer of resin blended
4 with an additive,
5 said wall having at least one localized portion of predetermined logo
6 geometry that is thicker than surrounding portions of said wall and within which said
7 additive is discernable under visible or UV light.

6. (Original)

1 The method set forth in claim 5 wherein said step of providing said molded
2 plastic container or preform comprises molding said portion of predetermined geometry into
3 said wall.

7. (Original)

1 A container or preform produced by the method of claim 5.

8. (Currently Amended)

1 A container or container preform composed of a multilayer structure having
2 a barrier layer, said container or preform including,
3 a closed end,
4 a sidewall extending from said closed end,
5 a finish portion terminating said sidewall, and

6 an enlarged portion comprising a logo formed in at least one of said closed
7 end, said sidewall, and said finish portion,

8 said barrier layer including an additive therein that is discernible in at least
9 one of visible light and ultraviolet light, wherein said additive is more visibly pronounced in
10 said enlarged portion than in other portions of said container or container preform.

9. (Original)

1 The container or preform set forth in claim 8 wherein said additive is selected
2 from the group consisting of dyes, UV fluorescing agents and reflective metallic or mineral
3 flakes.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New)

1 The container or preform set forth in claim 8 wherein said barrier layer is
2 thicker in said enlarged portion than in other portions of said container or preform.

12. (New)

1 A container or container preform composed of a multilayer structure having
2 at least one matrix resin layer and at least one intermediate resin layer, said container or
3 preform including,

4 a closed end,

5 a sidewall extending from said closed end,

6 a finish portion terminating said sidewall, and

7 an enlarged portion formed in at least one of said closed end, said sidewall,
8 and said finish portion,

9 said intermediate resin layer being thicker in said enlarged portion than in
10 other portions of said container or container preform and including an additive therein that
11 is discernible in at least one of visible light and ultraviolet light, wherein said additive is
12 more visibly pronounced in said enlarged portion than in other portions of said container
13 or container preform.

13. (New)

1 The container or preform set forth in claim 12 wherein said additive is
2 selected from the group consisting of dyes, UV fluorescing agents and reflective metallic
3 or mineral flakes.

14. (New)

- 1 The container or preform set forth in claim 12 wherein said enlarged portion
2 comprises a logo.

15. (New)

- 1 The container or preform set forth in claim 11 wherein said at least one
2 intermediate layer is a barrier resin layer.